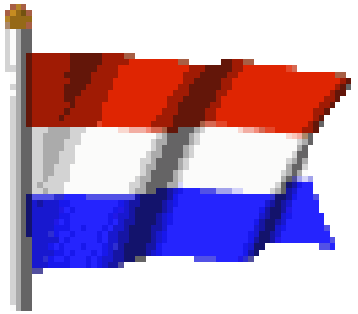
TRAVELER'S BRIEFING



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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Kingdom of the Netherland

Capital: Amsterdam

Population: 15,807,641 (est)

Type of government: Constitutional Mo

Head of government: PM Wim Kok

Official language(s) Dutch

Economy: Socialist- capitalist

Religions: Roman Catholic (34%) Protest
Non-affiliated (36%)

TRAVEL

Travel restrictions: None

International Airport: Amsterdam

Flights from Frankfurt: Lufthansa, KLM, Pakistani Internation

Other methods of arrival: Ship/Road/rail

U.S. Embassy address: Lange Voorhout 102., The Hague
Tel: 31-70-310-9209; FAX: 31-70-310-9252

Transportation: Public transportation: Excellent.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Excellent.

Rural roads/Maintenance: Excellent.

Availability of roadside assistance: Excellent. In urban areas, motorists must be especially mindful of the priority rights of bicyclists. Lanes at the center of many urban two-way streets are reserved for buses, trams, and taxis. Pedestrians should pay particular attention not to walk along bicycle paths,

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: Military personnel on leave require ID card and leave orders.

Civilian personnel (including dependents) require passports. A visa is not required for stays of 90 days or less. A visa is required if staying more than 90 days. No advance notice or clearance is required for leave travel by military personnel.

Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required.

Duty-free entry for used personal effects: US military and civilians with the Army stationed in Germany and Austria (and accompanying family): Duty-free entry for usual daily rations and drink for number of days stated in orders, 60 cigarettes a day or equivalent cigars or tobacco. Travelers under l5 years of age are not permitted duty-free entry for tobacco, wine, distilled beverages, and perfume.

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HELPFUL HINTS

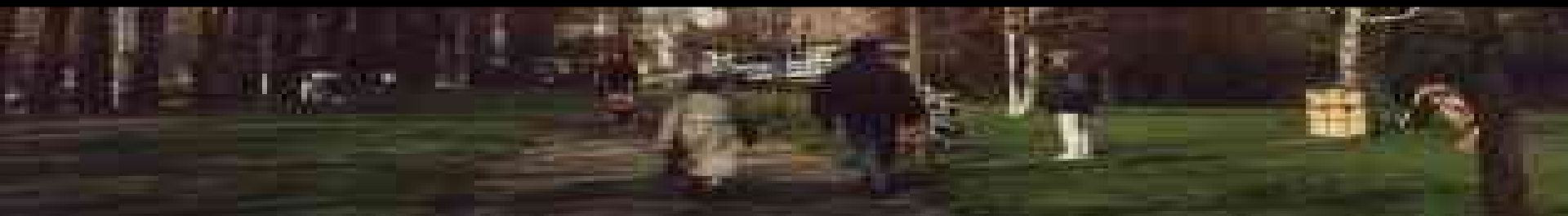
Special restrictions: Requests for lodging reservations must be made a minimum of 45 days in advance between Apr and Aug and 30 days at other times. Dutch law allows one night's lodging charged for "no-shows" or cancellation within 24 hours of reservation date. Personal cameras may be used except in the air and in posted areas.

Amembassy operating hours are 0830-1715L Mon-Fri.

MONEY

Currency restrictions: Declare currency. Exports are limited to amount declared. No limit on import or export of US currency. Import of guilders is limited to l000.

Rate: Approximate: 2.26 Dutch Guilder for $1.



HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, arthropod-borne diseases, STDs, cold injuries, and industrial pollution.
Availability of medical services: Good.

Medical Insurance: May not apply in the Netherlands

Status of hospitals: Good.

Health Precautions: None.

Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B (recommended), TB (recommended) MMR (recommended) and tetanus-disptheria boosters (recommended).

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance: Required for all military personnel traveling to the Netherlands. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of scheduled visit. DV visits will also be coordinated through G3/S3 channels.

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer or equivalent.

During times of increased tension/terrorist activity in the Netherlands, all personnel traveling in a duty status are to report to the US authority as directed in travel orders.

CRIME

Criminal Activities: While the rate of violent crime in the Netherlands is low, tourists are occasionally targeted, usually in conjunction with robbery attempts. Visitors to larger cities frequently fall prey to pickpockets, bag snatchers, and other petty thieves. While thieves may operate anywhere, the U.S. Consulate General in Amsterdam receives frequent reports of thefts from several specific areas: The train from Schiphol Airport to Amsterdam Central Station is particularly plagued by gangs of thieves, who often work in pairs. In those instances, one thief distracts the victim, often by asking for directions, while an accomplice moves in on the victim's momentarily unguarded handbag, backpack, or briefcase. The thieves typically time their thefts to coincide with train stops so they may quickly exit. Within Amsterdam, thieves are very active in and around the Central Train Station, the red light

The Netherlands is strict on: Firearms and importation of animal by-products. Firearms are prohibited.Expect strict rules regarding the importation of items made from animals or plants protected under the Convention of International

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CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: Civilian clothing is recommended for most visits to the Netherlands. The following government restrictions apply to US military personnel: Uniform restrictions for TDY personnel will be determined by the headquarters issuing orders. If traveling thru or on leave, civilian clothing should be worn.

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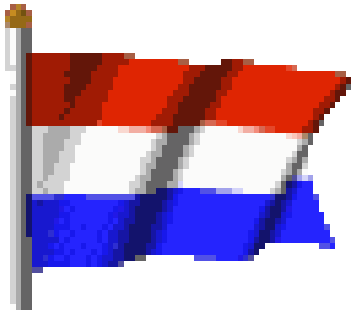

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